

This nation cannot afford the media concentration that will be possible under your proposed new broadcast ownership rules. When a handful of major corporations own all of the major news outlets in a country, too many dangerous conflicts of interest are possible between the economic priorities of those corporations and the informational needs of the citizenry. The airwaves are a national resource, and their use must be to the benefit of the majority of U.S. citizens, not to the economic benefit of the few and powerful. I fully concur with a recent letter sent to you by members of Congress: "With the U.S. economy still reeling from the effects of recent corporate scandals, it is shocking that the FCC would allow some of the same corporations to control the public's access to information."

The public good will not be served by your proposed new rules, and I strongly urge you not to adopt them.